



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1645**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: LUBITZ et al

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 4, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office action of October 6, 2003, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins
on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.